

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Howdy. My addition. I think it's a great idea. Why are they wasting bandwidth showing a bunch of channels twice ? As one company, they could stop that, and add more niche programming, including more Ethnic, Foreign Language and Teaching channels. And more Girls in Bikini's !!!

Besides which, there are a couple of channels that as a DirecTv coustomer, I can't get now. I think the other Sat guys still have a channel that shows a bunch of political shows, which I would like, but I have to have DirecTv, to get the NFL Sunday Ticket, and watch the Steelers play. OK, who knew they wouldn't show up this year ??

Thanks, Dennis Lucas Jr. (Follows the canned stuff, of which I also approved.)

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me a substantial number of local TV channels via satellite in my market area.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an affordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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